

14. (NEW) The architecture as claimed in claim 13, wherein the dynamic integration of new interfaces of already existing network elements is enabled by one of the existing network elements registering new function information with a suitable different network element, which stores the new function information and further distributes the new function information to other network elements.

15. (NEW) The architecture as claimed in claim 14, wherein identical or similar functions exist which are distributed among a plurality of the network elements.

16. (NEW) The architecture as claimed in claim 15, wherein the selection of a function used for a function invocation is made on a specific network node depending on utilization of concerned network nodes.

17. (NEW) The architecture as claimed in claim 16, wherein the function used in a function invocation can be carried out when distributed among a plurality of the concerned network nodes.

18. (NEW) The architecture as claimed in claim 17, wherein frequently used basic services are available and can be used in all network nodes.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed. It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-9 have been canceled and claims 10- have been added. Claims 10- are pending and are under consideration.

A substitute specification is also being filed herewith. The substitute specification is accompanied by a marked-up copy of the original specification. No new matter has been added.

If there are any questions regarding these matters, such questions can be addressed by telephone to the undersigned. Otherwise, an early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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